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Re: WBGG(AM), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Facility Identification Number: 59960  
AMFM Radio Licenses, LLC  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Mr. Langham:

This is in reference to the request filed July 7, 2009, on behalf of AMFM Radio Licenses, LLC ("AMFM"). AMFM requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WBGG with an emergency nondirectional antenna and reduced power.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, AMFM states that the WBGG antenna system has been extensively damaged in a lightning storm.

Section 73.1680 of the Commission's rules provides for operation with emergency antenna facilities following damage to authorized antenna systems, provided that an informal request for continued use of an emergency antenna is filed with the Commission within 24 hours. In particular, Section 73.1680(b)(1) provides that AM stations using an emergency nondirectional antenna in lieu of authorized directional facilities shall operate with power reduced to 25 percent or less of the nominal licensed power, or a higher power, not exceeding licensed power, while insuring that the radiated field strength does not exceed that authorized in any given azimuth. Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation complies with Section 73.1680. In order to facilitate the repair work, STA will also be granted for operation with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WBGG may continue to operate with an emergency nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 1.25 kilowatts, as necessary to provide for continued operation pending restoration of directional operation. Operation with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits also is authorized. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. AMFM must

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<sup>1</sup> WBGG is licensed for operation on 970 kHz with 5 kilowatts daytime and 5 kilowatts nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns daytime and nighttime (DA-2-U).

notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.<sup>2</sup> AMFM must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **January 8, 2010**.

**STA Advisory:** Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest." However, Section 309(f) is not a means by which a licensee/permittee may circumvent established processing procedures which require the filing of an application, nor is it a means by which a broadcaster may enhance his facility or make operation more convenient for the broadcaster. Stations operating with less than licensed facilities under temporary authorities can be viewed as receiving the benefit of a larger protection area than that in which they are currently providing service.

Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. Any request for extension of special temporary authorities carries an increased burden with each subsequent request.

Therefore, requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer  
Audio Division  
Media Bureau

cc: AMFM Radio Licenses, LLC

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<sup>2</sup> *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b).